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PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REPLY
TO THE WRITER BY NAME

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Dear Lederberg,

Did you coin the word exobiology ?
If so: where ? If not: can you tell me who did and
give the reference?

In either event could you give me a definition ?

My attempt would go something like. The study of
systems that resemble in some respects terrestrial
living forms but that appear not to have a terrestrial
origin.

Yours sincerely

B. W. Pirie

Exobiology: =

The study of the evolution of life beyond the
earth. (contra, esobiology, on one planet
of the solar system). No level of resem-
blance is specified

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